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SUBJECT: ECE - FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

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1. INTERVENTIONS ON ITEMS 4(A) AND (B) OF ECE AGENDA FOLLOWED GENERAL PATTERN CONTAINED IN US DEL STATEMENT. IN LINE WITH POSITION PAPER, AMBASSADOR DALE NOTED THAT ECE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ADAPTED TO CHANGING CONDITIONS AND THAT US APPROVES WORK PROGRAM IN GENERAL. REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO PROGRAMS IN PRIORITY AREAS OF TRADE, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS. ALSO COMMENDED WORK OF INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

2. AMBASSADOR DALE REAFFIRMED US STRONG SUPPORT FOR ECE ACTIVITIES EVIDENCED BY PARTICIPATION OF HIGHLY-QUALIFIED EXPERTS. NOTED SUPPORT FOR SEMINAR PROGRAM CITING WATER SYMPOSIUM IN 1974, DESULPHURIZATION SEMINAR IN 1975 AND TRANSPORT SEMINAR IN 1976.

3. COORDINATION OF ECE ACTIVITIES SHOWING IMPROVEMENT BUT FURTHER TIGHTENING COULD BE MADE, ESPECIALLY IN ENERGY FIELD. TIME FOR RE-EVALUATION OF ECE WORK PROGRESS IS RIPE IN LIGHT OF TIME ELAPSED SINCE LAST REVIEW, PROJECTED COMPLETION OF CSCE AND REPORT BY EXECUTIVE

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SECRETARY.

4. OTHER DELS STRESSED ROLE OF ECE IN FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE.
UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAMS
SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED AT THIS POINT BUT SHOULD AWAIT 31ST
SESSION. SOME SENTIMENT FOR REDUCING NUMBER OF ECE
MEETINGS ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT WIDESPREAD.

5. SOME DELEGATIONS REFERRED TO CONTRIBUTION WHICH ECE
COULD MAKE TO LDCS AND FELT THAT COOPERATION WITH LDCS
SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

6. A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WHICH REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY TO TRANSMIT E/ECE/875 TO PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY
BODIES FOR CONSIDERATION; INVITES THESE BODIES WITH ASSISTANCE
OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR
ADOPTION OF SHORT AND LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM WHILE MAINTAINING
FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLE NEW ASSIGNMENTS; ASKS THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE 31ST SESSION
CONTAINING INFORMATION ON MEASURES TAKEN OR ENVISAGED BY
THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO ADAPT THEIR WORK PROGRAMS
AND CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON POSSIBLE
ADAPTATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND
METHODS OF WORK.

7. ONLY REFERENCES TO CSCE ARE CONTAINED IN PREAMBULAR
PARAS WHICH EXPRESS BELIEF THAT CSCE WILL GIVE NEW
IMPETUS AND OPEN NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR INTENSIFICATION
OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN
ECE REGION AND EXPECTATION THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL
EXAMINE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CONSEQUENCES OF CSCE ON
FURTHER WORK OF ECE. DALE

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